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41

Number of days since the last dropped object incident: 51

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Mr. Al Fatkin is the AFMC nominee for the 49th DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award.



Fatkin up for SecDef award

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Mr. Al Fatkin, deputy director of the Strategic Airlift Directorate here, will represent Air Force Materiel Command as its nominee for the 49th Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award - the highest award the Secretary of Defense can give to a civil servant.

Knocking off all competition at the Command level, Mr. Fatkin is moving on to compete at the Air Force level. If he wins at Air Force, he will go on to compete at DoD.

The annual award recognizes an individual's exceptional devotion to duty and extremely broad, significant scientific, technical or administrative contributions. An increase in efficiency, economy or improvement in Defense Department operations must also result from his or her efforts.

Mr. Fatkin's nomination cited numerous accomplishments to his credit. One includes his aggressive management, which over the past year, drove backorder rates down by 25 percent and improved aircraft availability for the global war on terrorism.

Mr. Fatkin is also credited as the key architect for using a retired C-5 aircraft to recalculate the service life estimate for the weapon system, which will allow the Air Force to evaluate options for meeting strategic airlift requirements in the future.

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Main gate work begins



Mr. Donald Bledsoe digs up the asphalt drive on the south end of Building 215 Monday to get to a water line that will be relocated. Water, gas and electrical lines at this location will have to be moved in preparation for construction of the new main gate. Page Road, in front of Building 215, is expected to be closed Monday.

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The next step on the journey to a new and improved main entry point and visitor's center for Robins was taken earlier this week as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began work on the \$4.9 million project.

According to Mr. Julian Fant, project manager, the first phase of the large undertaking includes the relocation of underground utilities near Building 215.

"They have actually started the digging process of moving the water and gas lines, he said. "This portion of the project should only take a couple of weeks."

While much of the water line work is being done during the week, the gas line relocation will be completed on the weekend when much of the base populace is away.

Mr. Fant said this project will necessitate the permanent closure of Page road which runs in front of Building 215, but the date of such a closure is still pending.

After this first phase of the project is complete the contractor will bring in the 'big guns' as they move forward with the phase two, site demolition, which includes removing portions of Page road, grading or leveling dirt and fencing.

According to Chip Bridges, Civil Engineering Group project engineer, the main gate project will provide Robins with a new main entry road, Air Force standard main gate signage and a new visitor center complex complete with covered gate entrance facility, visitor center and inspection shelter.

Bridges said the construction will not only change the landscape of Robins, but will ensure safety and help alleviate traffic problems which have been a documented problem since 1957.

Mr. Fant said the project is running along smoothly on its scheduled time table and with no problems as of yet.

The multi-million dollar construction project is set for completion by August 2005.

The visitor's center building will be 1,600 square feet, or 50 percent larger than the current one, with higher ceilings and a more aesthetically pleasing look for its users.

A new roadway that will line up directly with Watson Boulevard will be the new construction's link with the city. The new design also takes into account the high volume of traffic entering and exiting the base at rush hours and is set up to handle it.

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Directorates work together to meet customer needs

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Employees from two of the Center's directorates literally worked around the clock recently to repair, paint and test an MC-130H radome to ensure its capabilities would meet war fighter needs.

The employees - from the Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue Directorate and the Antenna and Radome Test Ranges Section of the

Avionics and Instruments Division of the Maintenance Directorate - were given basically no notice they would need to complete a 48-hour project.

But according to Mr. John Dunn, a supervisor in the Maintenance Directorate who managed the testing of the 1-inch thick fiberglass nose piece that protects the C-130's delicate navigational radar system components, the team

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Meet the troops



U.S. Air Force photo

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche greets 116th Air Control Wing maintenance personnel prior to his flight aboard a Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft at a deployed location April 17.

Brig. Gen. Collings: communicate, don't micromanage people

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While thousands of Center employees attending the recently mandated Commander's Calls may have expected to learn about war fighter support, reorganization and the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, they received an added lesson on the man behind the title of Center commander.

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings introduced himself to his audiences, giving an insider's peek

at what his values are, where his priorities lay and his key to success.



Brig. Gen. Mike Collings

Stating that personal integrity is the cornerstone for building upon, he explained that being able to communicate with your employees without

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Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly cloudy with showers



77/60

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with showers



80/64

Sunday
Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms



79/69

ORI countdown:
13 days

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Purchase card mandate aims at saving time, money

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Looking to better leverage command-wide purchasing power while saving time and money, Air Force Materiel Command officials said everyone buying office supplies must use online vendors effective May 1.

AFMC government purchase card holders are free to choose from any of the thousands of vendors on Air Force Advantage, DOD EMALL or at <https://epc.wpafb.af.mil/mandate/e-gpc-access.html>, according to Tim Inman, AFMC eGPC program manager. The mandate is simply to help command officials know what AFMC people are getting for the dollars they spend, and to see if any larger agreements can be made to save time and money.

Mr. Inman said the Air Force spent \$1.7 billion in 3 million transactions last year; within AFMC it was \$339 million on 570,000 transactions.

“We can figure up how much money we spent with vendors who

have the merchant category code for office supplies – stores like Office Depot, Staples and the like. But is that dollar figure our office supply spending? No, because those stores also sell furniture, computers, printing services and the like,” he said.

Also, many vendors who do not have the merchant category code for office supplies do sell them, like Wal-Mart and computer supply stores that sell paper, he said.

“And even if we knew how much cardholders spent, we don’t know on what,” he said. “If we knew how much paper we really bought, we could go to the major paper manufacturers, tell them a realistic projection of what our upcoming requirement was, and ask them to sharpen their pencils to give us the very best price. Today all we can do is say that we buy a lot of paper, but what kind and how much of each is unknown.”

He said with better knowledge of spending, command experts could go to office supply retailers and other interested firms with a reasonably accurate demand and likewise ask them, in a competitive environment, to give AFMC the

best possible prices.

“Retailers are extremely interested in capturing all or a good share of the Air Force’s office supply business, but in order to get the best prices and terms we need to know what we buy,” Mr. Inman said. “This is true not only for office supplies but for many other commodity classes where cardholders buy as individuals, instead of taking advantage of the Air Force’s huge buying strength. That’s what we call strategic sourcing. We’re starting with office supplies, but we’re looking at strategic sourcing in a number of areas.”

In addition to the “business intelligence” aspect, the on-line buying mandate also helps people save time, according to Mr. Inman.

When cardholders across the command go downtown, they often pay full retail price and are away from their desks for extended periods.

The mandate also helps fix that by allowing people to order directly from their desks and have their items delivered directly to their offices.

“We need to gather this business intelligence and leverage our buy-

ing power to negotiate better prices, generating big savings for the command,” said Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, in a letter to field organizations. “We have negotiated Blanket Purchase Agreements with major office supply vendors (e.g. Office Depot and Corporate Express), resulting in a 3-5 percent discounts off their regular GSA schedule prices and are confident we can achieve even deeper discounts with other high-volume vendors if we have detailed spend data.”

Mr. Inman encouraged everyone to make sure that unit office supplies are purchased through the prescribed on-line sites and recognized that a change in some habits will be required.

“We need to do a better job of planning ahead,” he said. “You should recognize that you are getting low on supplies before you run out. There should be no office supply emergency purchases.”

He said some people will initially be uncomfortable using the on-line purchasing systems, and that’s understandable. There will also be some frustrations as people try out these sites, but he asks everyone to

play with the AFMC team instead of against it.

“In the long run, AFMC will reap benefits from this mandate,” he said. “Many of us were once uncomfortable using a computer at all; but with continued use, we will all learn to be more comfortable with new ways of doing business.”

Most of the office supply vendors AFMC people regularly purchase from are already on-line at the approved Web sites, Mr. Inman said. Other small business vendors who are not on-line can work with individual base small business office experts to learn what it would take to get them there.

“If your organization has an existing alternate means to buy office supplies on-line, then you can request a waiver from the headquarters directorate of contracting,” he said.

“This mandate is a small step, but an important one,” General Martin said. “That’s why I’m asking you to support this initiative.

“We need your purchase card information to understand what we buy. Using the purchase card and the approved Web sites will save our command time and money.”

Operational security important part of ORI preparedness

Operational security is the awareness of what or how we do things – critical information – recognizing the possibility that someone may be able to take advantage of our activities to their benefit and our detriment.

Typically, critical information deals with unclassified information and entails a methodology for denying it to our adversaries.

Critical information includes facts about friendly operations and activities which, individually or in aggregate, reveal positive details about capabilities and intentions and require protection from foreign intelligence collection and exploitation.

If you are not familiar with your unit's and Robins' critical information list, you should contact your unit OPSEC point of contact, your supervisor or chain of command.

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“We will have three inbound and two outbound lanes at the gate itself,” he said. “At the intersection of Ga. Highway 247, it will expand to five outbound lanes so we can have left and right turns without obstructing people who

want to go straight. We are also looking to have at least nine people able to inspect cars coming in at the gate.”

According to Bridges, a possibility for the future is the institution of FastPass, where a special tag will be placed on certain vehicles eliminating the need to stop and be checked when they enter the gate much like that on toll roads.

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didn’t shy away from the challenge.

“I had to snatch some of my best and brightest folks to be able to meet the timeline we were handed,” he said.

“There was an aircraft that needed this vital part and we wanted to show that they could depend upon us to deliver it in a timely fashion - whatever they needed, no matter when they needed it.”

Four out of the 13 people involved in the project performed multiple tests on the

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micromanaging is vital to overall success.

“Micromanaging is the best way to put a cap on intellectual capital,” he said. “It’s also a morale killer. I don’t think people get up in the morning and come to work asking how they can screw up. They want to do a good job and be rewarded for a job well done - wanting to be led, but not micromanaged.”

He added that looking people in the eyes and giving them a pat on the back is a better method than an impersonal e-mail when commendations are

deserved. Practicing what he preached, he praised the work force for their efforts at supporting the war fighter.

Calling Team Robins an incredibly professional and well-trained work force, he explained that nothing in the Air Force is done without their contributions.

“You are the reason our Air Force is as great as it is today,” he said. “Sure we have some great operators out there, but they are only as good as the war fighting capability you give them.”

In less time than it takes to watch the week’s biggest blockbuster, the commander made clear what he expects

from the work force and how their role will take the Center and the Air Force into the future.

One of the things everyone can expect is change.

“Change in the world is something you can count on, but change management is very difficult,” he said. “How we embrace and manage change will dictate the type of organization we’re going to be in the future. Whether we’ll be able to meet the future demands and lay the combat capability into the hands of the war fighter when they need it at an affordable price – that’s what we are all about. Change is opportunity. Courage to

imagine the otherwise is our greatest resource. Think out of the box.”

The commander said his one true key to success is his ability to let others do their jobs.

“My key to success has been to surround myself with talented people, resource them and get out of the way - with emphasis on getting out of the way,” he said.

General Collings said the reason for the Commander’s Call was to communicate to the Center war fighters so better support can be given to the customer war fighters. A meeting of this sort will take place every six months.

FATKIN

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The 26-year civil service veteran became the deputy director of the Electronic Warfare Management Directorate at Robins in August 1997. He took his current position in August.

Under his leadership, C-141, C-17, and C-5 successfully merged into the Strategic Airlift Directorate and C-5 aircraft availability reached the high-

est level since Operation Desert Storm. He also successfully directed the transition of the C-5 Programmed Depot Maintenance function from Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, to Robins without jeopardizing aircraft delivery.

Mr. Fatkin said he shares this award with the Center work force.

“I attribute winning this award to the all of the hard work the Center employees have done up until now,” he said. “From the transition from Kelly to Robins to the vast improve-

ments in supply support, they are giving us what we need.”

Col. Frank Bruno, Strategic Airlift Directorate director, said Mr. Fatkin’s win at AFMC and nomination at Air Force are well deserved.

“Mr. Al Fatkin is one of the finest and most effective professionals I’ve served with over the past 25 years,” he said. “It has been my honor to serve with him and all the hard working people in the Strategic Airlift Directorate.”

Aircraft Division at the time of the project. “We feel very connected ... and know that what we do here could mean life or death for them.”

Mr. Lionel Barfield, program manager for the LU Directorate who coordinated efforts in the project, said Mr. Dunn’s team pulled together

and helped Robins maintain its professional image as a dependable resource for meeting war fighter needs.

“When troops have to go into hostile operations, this is the airplane that takes them in and brings them out,” he said. “We had to test the radome to make sure every-

thing is electrically ready so these guys can depend on what their equipment is showing them.”

After hours of running different levels of radio frequency energy through the equipment, Mr. Barfield said Robins was able to come through for its customer.

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AFAF drive exceeds goal; raises more than \$92,000

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Team Robins hit a home run for needy Airmen through the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign raising 107 percent of the base’s goal. The base population raised more than \$92,000 during the six-week fundraiser, helping the Air Force exceed its goal of \$5.2 million for official Air Force charities.

According to Maj. William Hill, installation project officer, Robins surpassed its goal by nearly \$6000. “Everyone who worked on the campaign did a great job, and added thanks go out to all of those who contributed,” he said. The major said AFAF is an important cause because it helps the people at Robins. “This is all about Airmen helping Airmen,” he said. “This campaign raises the money that allows organizations like the Air Force Aid Society to help our troops in

What to know

The Air Force Assistance Fund 2004 campaign raises money for official Air Force charities: the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Village Indigent Widows’ Fund and the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The six-week campaign ended April 23.

time of need.”

The Air Force Aid Society provides education and community enhancement programs as well as emergency assistance. The society has provided more than \$22.6 million in direct assistance to Air Force members and families. Last year the base raised \$55,000, and Robins’ Airmen received \$404,000 in assistance.

The AFAF annual Air Force-wide fund raising drive raises money for four charities that benefit duty, Guard, Reserve and retired Air Force people and their

families. Members, their families and widows of Air Force members benefit from the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Mr. Jim Brewer, Air Force Aid officer at the Family Support Center, knows how much this fund means to Airmen in need.

Airmen benefit from Give Parents a Break - a stress relieving child care option for parents; Phone Home - phone cards purchased for deployed Airmen; Spouse Tuition Assistance; and Bundles for Babies - a bundle of gifts for new and expectant parents.

Airmen are also eligible to receive monetary emergency assistance for unexpected car repairs, emergency travel, funeral expenses and medical bills.

Major Hill said although the campaign has officially ended donations will still be accepted until Thursday.

Robins receives DoD-level environmental award

By Ms. Terri Thirlaway
Environmental Management Directorate

Robins Air Force Base has been selected as the recipient of two prestigious environmental awards in recognition of excellence in environmental initiatives and programs.

Environmental Management received notification last week that Robins won the Department of Defense-level award for pollution prevention, or P2, at an industrial installation.

As the winner at the AFMC and AF level, the Robins package was submitted to the DoD-level competition, where it was selected for the top honor.

The package describes successes in P2 at Robins, including such innovations as flashjet for depainting radomes, powder coatings for aircraft parts and alternative fuel vehicles.

Robins was also selected to receive the 2004 White House Closing the Circle Award for its submittal “Taking Strides Forward in Pollution and Waste Prevention” which summarized the base’s efforts at reducing waste in nine program areas.

The award is noteworthy because competition is intense - almost 200 nominations were received this year from military and civilian installations.

Robins also received honorable mention for its submittal on the environmental management system.

“These awards are great recognition for all organizations on Robins that contribute to the success of the environmental program,” said Ms. Mary Kicklighter, EM deputy director. “This success is a reflection of the dedicated efforts of the Robins team to make continuous improvements in all aspects of our programs.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Gloeckle

GOWEN FIELD, Idaho – The Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab's bilevel aircraft loading system could make Air Force transport aircraft about 10 percent more efficient by reducing the number of aircraft normally required for a typical air and space expeditionary force rotation, officials say. This new pallet system was being tested aboard a C-130 Hercules from the Idaho Air National Guard's 189th Airlift Squadron here.

Idaho Air Guard helps test new stackable cargo pallets

By 2nd Lt. Anthony Vincelli
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GOWEN FIELD, Idaho – As part of an ongoing Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab initiative, a team tested a new bilevel aircraft loading system aboard an Idaho Air National Guard C-130 Hercules here April 22.

People from the battlelab, a think tank for new and innovative ideas based at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, made the short 50-mile trip here to test the system as part of an ongoing process to assess its fitness for use in the field.

The system works by taking existing pallets, and attaching a frame and vertical rails to make a second tier. The unit’s base is designed to hold up to 6,000 pounds while the upper pallet can hold up to 3,000 pounds. The system would dramatically increase the efficiency of airlift missions such as the air and space expeditionary force rotations into the Persian Gulf region, said Master Sgt. Forrest Wood, project officer from the battlelab.

Sergeant Wood, a loadmaster by profession, said the beauty of the system is that it will be able to use the upper tier of cargo aircraft that was previously unused.

“This system will allow the Air Force [to] fill its airlifters with more equipment, which will result in having to use fewer planes to haul the same amount of cargo,”

Sergeant Wood said.

The idea for stackable pallets was first theorized in the 1970s, but it was never developed, said Norman Maynard, program manager for the design team from the Air Force Flight Test Center’s instrumentation division at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The division designed and constructed the system.

“Nobody could get it to work,” Mr. Maynard said.

This latest initiative, however, does work. The team has already completed an intense round of dynamic testing at Robins Air Force Base and the system passed with flying colors.

“We ran this system through a number of worst-case scenarios, including crashes, uneven loading and even hanging the pallets upside-down. It seems to handle whatever we throw at it,” Mr. Maynard said.

Now into the static-test phase, the team is in the process of loading and unloading the system into cargo aircraft to ensure it fits into aircraft correctly. Team members have completed testing on the C-141 Starlifter and C-17 Globemaster III, and their visit here marks the first test on the C-130. The tests on all three aircraft have proven successful, officials said.

If approved for use in the field, Mr. Maynard said the system will be relatively inexpensive – between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a piece – and in the field in less than a year.

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PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." page is a new installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This page is our way of ensuring we give credit where it's due. The installment will run in the last issue published each month. To have

an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 111, Building 215. Submissions that are brought to

the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Mr. Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Ms. Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

>>>> JSTARS finance office

The 116th Air Control Wing's Financial Management office won big at the Air National Guard Finance Awards Banquet in Cleveland March 22.

The JSTARS finance office, which is the only finance office that has Air National Guard, active duty Air Force, and civilians working together, won five of 14 categories at the ceremony, while competing against 92 other guard wings.

Tech. Sgt. Darlene Nuss was recognized as the Educator of the Year; Mr. Fabian Hollis was awarded the Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year award and Capt. Hugh Goss was named the Financial Analysis Officer of the Year.

"I was surprised and honored at the number of awards earned by the 116th FM office," said Sergeant Nuss. "I was delighted to see how the hard work done to

establish the first future total force finance office was recognized at the major command level."

The 116th's FM office was also awarded the Financial Analysis Office of the Year and the Financial Management and Comptroller Organization of the Year.

"Receiving the Financial Analysis Office of the Year award is a reflection on the dedication of all the people who manage the

wing's financial resources," said Captain Goss. "I look at this award as the capstone for a particularly challenging year and owe a lot of thanks to everyone involved."

Maj. Ron Deal, commander of the 116th FM office, said the award is a result of hard work.

"The merger of active duty and National Guard personnel and missions into one cohesive organization was a new challenge for everyone involved," he said. "This

merger presented lots of opportunities for our office to excel; our people rose to the occasion daily."

"These awards are recognition by the entire ANG of the precedent setting accomplishments of these individuals and work centers," said Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, 116th ACW commander. "They are not only the best but are also the first to explore the uncharted 'blended' waters."

— Senior Airman Tim Beckham

>>>> Center and 78th medical staff



Maj. Brian B. Meier

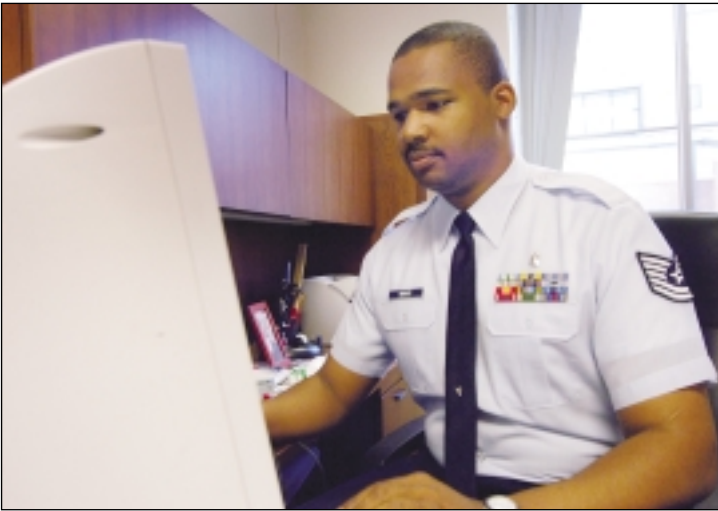
From providing native Alaskans eye care to pioneering new programs, Robins' seven Air Force Materiel Command Medical Service Award winners are a diversified mix of people with a common thread – a claim to the title "best."

Six of the seven are with the 78th Medical Group; one is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Organizational Health Center.

The center team member, Maj. Beth Zeiger, earned the command's Psychologist of the Year award. She directed Robins' first Organizational Health Center and assisted five other health center directors launch their programs.

The 78th Medical Group winners:

Maj. Brian B. Meier, Field Grade Optometrist of the Year. Major Meier deployed to the interior of



Tech. Sgt. Chauncey D. Hewitt

Alaska last spring to perform humanitarian eye care on native Alaskans.

Tech. Sgt. Chauncey D. Hewitt, Management Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Working in a position usually assigned to a master sergeant, Sergeant Hewitt earned kudos for revitalizing the group's third party collections program that last fiscal year claimed \$712,000 – the best record among seven

command clinics.

Ms. Debra M. Taylor, Health Benefits Advisor of the Year. Ms. Taylor revamped newcomer's inprocessing and mounted an aggressive tracking campaign that cut no-shows by 90 percent.

Master Sgt. Kimberly T. Williams, Senior NCO Pharmacy Technician of the Year. Sergeant Williams led a 20-member team that filled and dispensed 383,000 pre-



Ms. Debra M. Taylor

scriptions and achieved the lowest error rate in the Air Force.

Senior Airman Scott D. Crook, Airman Pharmacy Technician of the Year. Selected Warner Robins Air Logistics Center airman below-the-zone winner, he was a key player on the team that implemented the Air Force surgeon general's \$400,000 pharmacy automated dispensing system.

Tech. Sgt. Robin M. Frederick, Outstanding Medical Materiel NCO of the Year. A new ordering process Sergeant Frederick executed with contracting cut order pipeline time, resulting in supplies being received 20 days sooner.

The command winners will compete at the Air Force level.

— Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas



Master Sgt. Kimberly T. Williams



Senior Airman Scott D. Crook



Tech. Sgt. Robin M. Frederick

>>>> And last but not least ...

Mr. Fred Raschke, equipment specialist, WR-ALC/LUMT, received the Special Operations Forces Commando award.

Ms. Tina Hawkins, equipment specialist, WR-ALC/LUMT, received the Special Operations Forces Commando award.



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Hawkins



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Mr. Tommy G. Ryals, manufacturing branch, was named Commodities and Industrial Products Division Employee of the Month for March.

Mr. Mario A. Largaespada, manufacturing branch, was named Commodities and Industrial Products Division Supervisor of the Month for March.

Ms. Clarissa Ann Grayson, a Macon State College student from Robins, will be included in the 2004 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Master Sgt. Fiafia T. Seau, 78th Security Forces Squadron's non-commissioned officer in charge of mobility, received the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's supervisor of the quarter award for the first quarter of this fiscal year. Sergeant Seau supervised a three-person deployment operations organization responsible for deployment operations for more than 330 people.

Air Force Materiel Command Logistics award winners for outstanding performance in 2003:

Outstanding Depot Maintenance Member: **Mr. James M. Beeland**

Outstanding Depot Maintenance Management Team: **C-5 Production Team**

Maintenance Effectiveness Award - large depot: 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award - Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance Technician: **Senior Airman Fabian F. Hollis Jr.**, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Outstanding Supply Chain Manager: **Patricia R. Martin**, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center

Outstanding Supply Chain Management Team: **F-15 Weapon System Supply Chain Management**

Transportation Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: **Master Sgt. James G. Muncy**, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Logistics Plans Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: **Tech. Sgt. Lauren K. Owens**,

78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Logistics Readiness Staff Junior Civilian Manager of the Year: **Ms. Gloria Doctor**, Air Force Petroleum/Det. 3, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Logistics Readiness Staff Senior Civilian Manager of the Year: **Mr. James E. Young**, Air Force Petroleum/Det. 3, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Logistics Readiness Staff Company Grade Officer of the Year: **Capt. Emeterio V. Hernandez**, Air Force Petroleum/Det. 3, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Logistics Readiness Staff Field Grade Officer of the Year: **Lt. Col. Jeffery J. Moyer**, Air Force Petroleum/Det. 3, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center

Logistics Readiness Company Grade Officer of the Year: **1st Lt. John S. Nolan Jr.**, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Air Mobility Command Outstanding Operations Support Squadron 2003 - small unit category:

ry: The 19th OSS executed 168 percent of its programmed fiscal flying hours while meeting demands of the continued global war on terrorism. Their record includes flying 1,244 sorties, over 6,100 hours, and off-loading 20 million pounds of fuel to United States and allied aircraft.

Air Force Association 2003 award winners:

Specialist/Technician of the Year: **Staff Sgt. Aaron Cooper**, aircraft electro/environmental craftsman, 19th Air Refueling Group

Maintenance Manager/Supervisor of the Year: **Senior Master Sgt. Russell Hokanson**, training flight superintendent, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Acquisition Manager/Supervisor of the Year: **Mr. Scott Warren**, program manager, Precision Location/ID Identification Program, WR-ALC/Combat Electronic Systems

Weapon Systems Manager of the Year: **Mr. Wayne Hall**, supervisory logistics management specialist, WR-ALC/Combat Electronic Systems

Support Manager/Supervisor of the Year: **Senior Master Sgt. William Russell**, superintendent maintenance operations, 19th Air Refueling Group

Trades and Craft Worker: **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Sanders**, quality assurance inspector, 116th Air Control Wing

Administrative Support: **Mrs. Jayne Bishop**, secretary, 116th Air Control Wing

Community Relations: **Staff Sgt. Steven Markowski**, aircraft electrical/environmental craftsman, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Engineer of the Year: **Mr. James Reaser**, electronics engineer, WR-ALC/Support Equipment and Vehicles

Human Resources Management Career Field Person: **Ms. Kay Lord**, supervisory program controller, WR-ALC/Combat Electronic Systems

Maj. Gen. Thomas Chapman Outstanding Product Director: **Col. Bruce Litchfield**, WR-ALC/Combat Electronic Systems

Cargo Aircraft Technician: **Tech. Sgt. Charles Cline**, nondestructive inspection section chief, 19th Air Refueling Group

Fighter Aircraft Technician: **Staff Sgt. Bobby Lynch**, aircraft electrical/environmental craftsman, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Outstanding Mission Support: **Master Sgt. Carmen Smith**, superintendent command section, 19th Air Refueling Group

Logistics Achievement: **Tech. Sgt. Bruce Frueh Jr.**, noncommissioned officer in charge group deployments, 19th Air Refueling Group

Outstanding Air Force JROTC Cadet: **Cadet Major Matthew Sumrall**, Northside High School

Teacher of the Year: **Lt. Col. Gaylord Winge**, Northside High School

Taking care of business

Small Business Office earns 2003 Secretary of Air Force award for excellence

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Robins is paving the way for the small business industry to help in its support of the war fighter.

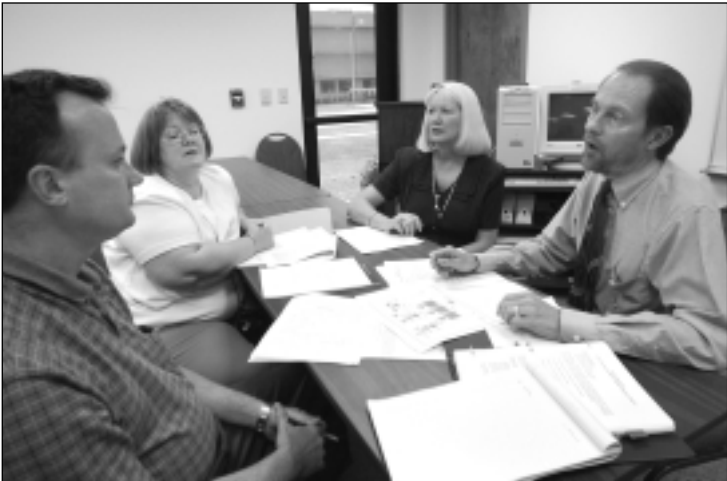
The Small Business Office, located just inside the base's main gate, recently earned the 2003 Secretary of the Air Force Small Business Program Excellence Award for ranking as "the best of the best" among its six competitors from bases throughout five major commands.

Mr. Jim Lovett, director of the Small Business Office here, said the win illustrates what the Team Robins concept is all about.

"It's an award to the ALC (Air Logistics Center), recognizing our program as the best in the Air Force," he said. "We're the focal point for the program, but it's a Center-wide award because it takes the effort of everyone here to make the program a success."

Mr. Lovett, along with the office's two small business specialists and two source development specialists, is closely involved with every acquisition made on base - making every effort to offer opportunities to small businesses.

"Our office looks at all requirements for new contracts coming off the base," he said. "We look at anything that's going to be over \$10,000 in contract value - and when we do that, we're trying to put contract requirements into the Small Business Program, making



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
From left, Mr. Robert Mitchell, Ms. Teresa Minton, Ms. Anna Pender and Mr. Ken Burke discuss the small business issues.

And the winners are ...

Mr. Jim Lovett, Small Business Office director; Mr. Fred Anderson, small business specialist; Mr. Ken Burke, source development specialist; Mr. Dave West, small business specialist; Mr. Tom Robertson, source development specialist; and Ms. Tracy Welch, Small Business Office manager.

recommendations for contracting officers to set aside work for small businesses."

Ms. Patsy Reeves, director of the Contracting Directorate here, said the well-deserved award recognizes the focused efforts of the office to seek out small businesses that meet Robins' wide variety of requirements.

"Statistics reflect that many of the truly innovative solutions can be attributed to the small businesses in this country," she said. "In our search for the best sources to meet Robins' \$4 billion requirements this year, we consciously try to identify opportunities for the small business community to give the war fighter benefits from

that innovation."

Mr. Fred Anderson, small business specialist, said the office's award-winning program creates a give and take relationship between Robins and the small business community.

"We counsel a lot of contractors that are calling, wanting to know how they can do business with the base," he said. "In these counseling sessions, we're not only educating small businesses how to do business with us and how to market here, we're also learning about their capabilities. That's one of the things we're using when we're looking at upcoming procurements."

SENIOR OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lt. Col Kevin Foley from director of staff, 78th Mission Support Group, to Center inspector general.

Col. Lemoyne F. Blackshear from commander, 11th Civil Engineer

Squadron, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., to commander, 78th Civil Engineer Group.

Col. Jeffrey S. Johnson chief, Center Automatic Test System Division, retires Aug. 1.

Col. William R. Saunders Center inspector general, retires Sept. 1.

Col. Linden J. Torchia commander, 78th Civil Engineering Group, retires Aug. 1.

ROBINS CLUBS

Procurement Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Ms. Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

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Q&A with
W. Michael Hatcher

Engineering Directorate

The Engineering Directorate is a new organization and you are its first leader. What challenges do you, as its new director, see facing EN?

The first objective I set for myself when I entered the position was to get a handle on the expectations of our three major customers - the scientific and engineering work force, the product directorates and the command section. There was a survey already in the planning stage which sought to evaluate the satisfaction of the work force with all the areas which EN had been chartered to work - training, career development, career broadening, etc. The results gave me a very good start on what needed to be worked first.

Second, I conducted some one-on-one interviews with the senior leaders in the product directorates who employed the scientific and engineering talent to meet their missions.

Finally, I met with the “big three”, the ALC commander, the vice and the executive director, to get their expectations and perspective. The results were amazingly consistent in their focus on developing and enhancing the capabilities of our technical work force. The most common

complaint or suggested improvement was training. While the Education and Training Office has been responding with training as dollars allow, little or no focus was on specific engineering needs. That is our largest challenge and the one with the least resources to solve. We’re now making good progress in setting up the courses with the widest and most significant impact. Also, with a lot of help from the product directors and Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command EN, we have obtained the money to make some of them available. I expect the first courses to be offered in May.

What career opportunities do you foresee for engineers and scientists at Robins? How will EN help them manage their careers?

The existence of EN, subject matter expert positions and the establishment of career development and broadening initiatives will enhance the potential of our work force. Having a functional advocate lead by a member of the Senior Executive Service provides access and leverage at all levels across the Center, the command and DoD. The ALCs have unique engineering needs and process-

es. Having a voice at that level will better ensure those needs will be met and the processes recognized as essential. While I believe that you need to have “situational awareness” about what is going on around you and what is expected to progress in your chosen field, I do not believe anyone should be preoccupied with “managing” his or her career. I do think that one of the roles of EN is to advise, mentor and support our folks in ways which will help them achieve their long term goals. We should be able to tell them what is expected, what is achievable and help them go as far as they can, but their strongest recommendation will always be their performance on the job. We’re working the mentoring and advisory part, but the latter is their responsibility and not something one “manages”. It’s something he or she does every day.



W. Michael Hatcher

What advice would you give to young engineers starting their careers today and who want a career leading to your job, EN director?

There is no magic formula for success. I think it requires equal parts of expertise, a willingness to accept challenges and perseverance. For someone start-

ing their career, I would advise them to become as much an expert in their assignments as they can be; learn all you can about your products, processes and customers; and continue your education in a technical or management field as well as in military history, doctrine and operations. Look for opportunities which challenge you or even take you out of your “comfort zone”. When your boss or a senior leader comes to you and asks you to try this new assignment or workload - take it and become the expert in that as well. When things get difficult or complex or even if you make a mistake - don’t grouse about it, regroup and go forward. Focus on what is accomplished - not who gets the credit. If you follow this you may not become the next EN director, but I believe you will become one of the most “successful” people you know.

You have been associated with Robins since 1976. How has the base changed over those years? What changes do you foresee for the next 25 years?

Some things seem to have come full circle while others have changed dramatically. When I started here as a junior engineer in the electronic warfare subunit [my office symbol was MMIRCB(4)], I was so far down the decision chain I seldom knew who made them. Today, we rarely see anything below a section

and almost everything is designed as an IPT - most with direct access to the senior person or product director. In 1976, there were the large monoliths of MM, MA and PK. Almost all had at least seven to nine layers of management and, at the lower levels, high functional focus but few home offices. The leadership positions were occupied by very experienced people from item management and equipment specialist backgrounds. Today, it appears that we are transiting back in the direction of those monoliths, but I suspect they will be greatly influenced by what we have learned in the intervening years. We’ve gone from an item (commodity) mindset to a product (now capabilities) based focus, and adopted operational and expeditionary mindsets. We now have the powerful legacy of IPTs and continuous process improvement vice rigid standardization. Today, we have fewer very experienced mid and upper level leaders due to the “hiring gap” created over a decade ago. I now see very junior folks getting to the GS-13, 14, and 15 levels with only a year or two in the preceding grade. That was virtually impossible 10 to 15 years ago - the competition was just too numerous and experienced. On the other hand, the drive for higher education has been quite effective.

Today, we have a much higher level of formally educated members throughout our work force. In my

view, the base is better and stronger than it was when I began. I believe that, regardless of the organizational structures or changes, it will continue to grow stronger yet if we continue to invest in our people and stay focused on our primary mission - providing the war fighters’ needs.

When you look back on your first five years as EN director, what would you like to be your most important accomplishments?

I take very seriously the set of values we have embraced - integrity, service before self, and excellence. I have often told my folks that I demand very little from them, but I expect a great deal. What I am trying to tell them is that I can not dictate their inherent work ethic, their internal values, or their desire for excellence but I can (and do) expect them to demonstrate those principles in their jobs. I have many objectives and goals for this organization, and I see no reason that we cannot achieve them all. I have a very talented and dedicated group of division chiefs who I am confident can make it happen regardless of how long I am in this position. The most common response from any leader when pressed for their most important accomplishment is to have had a positive effect on the organization or community in which they served. That is also my wish and goal.

Commander's
Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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Motorcycle attire rules aren’t consistent

I’ve ridden motorcycles on Robins for years, but recently, there has been a lot of confusion about attire. For the last two years, I’ve worn a black and silver Harley Davidson jacket that is reflective at night (reflective outer wear is required for night riding). This morning, I was turned around at Gate 14 for not having a vest or reflective belt. I tried coming in other gates with a reflective belt and was told belts were not allowed. I have no problem meeting safety requirements. Motorcycle riders just want consistent rules so we know what to expect

Commander’s reply: Let me start by apologizing for the inconvenience we have caused you. DoD Instruction 6055.4 and AFI 91-207 regulate the proper attire for operating motorcycles on the installation. Both instructions are vague and contradict each other, creating confusion for enforcement. Wearing a reflective vest or jacket during daylight hours meets the criteria of the instruction and prepares the motorcyclist should they end up being out after the sun sets. Also, flight line reflective belts would not be visible to oncoming traffic if worn around a motorcyclist’s waistline. You can wear a single piece of brightly colored clothing as an outer upper garment, or you may wear garments that provide contrast of notable dis-

similarity; this would best be served by mixing light and dark colors. These garments may be jackets, long sleeve shirts, vests or a combination to achieve the same results, but in any configuration or combination, whatever you wear at night must be reflective. The upper outer garment has to be brightly colored – pastel, neon or florescent. Contrasting colors refers to a multicolored upper garment only. The 78th Security Forces Squadron and Mr. Jerry Morningstar, Center Safety Office, have collaborated to ensure each organization is enforcing the same standard. We will make this a special interest item in our SFS training. Questions concerning motorcycle attire can be directed to Center Safety Office at 926-6271.

Remember to slow down

There have been

225

speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins
DUI
tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

April: 3 April 2003: 5 Year to date: 24* 63 Number of days since last DUI: 4
* one of this year’s DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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Tanker aircraft delivers 1 billionth pound of fuel

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – If you were to count from one to 1 billion it would take about 95 years. It took a little over a year for U.S. Central Command’s Combined Force Air Component Command-controlled tanker airlift to deliver 1 billion pounds of jet fuel.

A KC-135 Stratotanker delivered 84,000 pounds of fuel to three different aircraft over Iraq on April 21 surpassing 1 billion pounds of fuel delivered in the theater since Jan. 30, 2003.

One billion pounds is a lot of fuel, but this number would be even higher if the millions of pounds of fuel delivered by Navy, Marine Corps and special-operations forces tankers in the past year were also included. It only includes fuel from U.S. Air Force KC-135 and KC-10 Extender and British Royal Air Force VC-10 aerial refuelers.

“Everybody is working their (tails) off out there,” said Maj. Darin Driggers, an instructor pilot on the milestone flight. “Whether it’s the Army, Marines, Navy ... everybody has a part to play; this is ours.”

The crewmembers, deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., said they are not concerned about how many pounds of fuel they deliver, as long as it is enough to help the other aircraft meet their mission objectives.

“It feels like any other day,” said Senior Airman Casey Killian, a boom operator. “If it’s the first hundred pounds, (or the) millionth pound ... it doesn’t matter. It’s all about completing the mission.”

Just how big is a billion? One billion pounds of jet fuel is 153,846,154 gallons. In the sense of time, about 1.4 billion seconds ago the first KC-135 was delivered to Castle Air Force Base, Calif., on June 28, 1957; about 1 billion seconds ago the last combat ground troops left Vietnam on Aug. 12, 1972; and about 731 million seconds ago the first KC-10 entered service March 17, 1981.

Many KC-10, KC-135 and VC-10 refueler crews have kept fighters, bombers, sur-



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon II
SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Casey Killian refuels an F-16 Fighting Falcon supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom on April 21.

veillance and reconnaissance aircraft flying and involved in the fight. Since Jan. 30, 2003, more than 52,000 U.S. and coalition fighter, bomber, reconnaissance and airlift aircraft have been refueled by U.S. and British tankers flying more than 16,000 sorties supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

“It’s nice to be directly involved. We’re up over ... Iraq, and we hear firsthand what happens even before it gets to (the media),” said Capt. Bryan Cahill, pilot for the flight. “My parents and my friends knew people who were in the (World Trade Center), so it feels good to be over here, especially when I get to go back home and see those people and say that we did something to help out.”

Helping is what tanker crews do, but to some it is also kind of a family tradition.

“The job is a lot of fun,” said 1st Lt. Chris Saettel, a co-pilot. “My dad was a tanker pilot in the (1991) Gulf War. So, I’m picking up where he left off.”

Wide Area Work Flow implemented

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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Robins’ Financial Management Directorate is implementing a new Department of Defense E-government initiative that will make documenting the procurement of goods and services from vendors a much easier task.

According to Mrs. Elaine Manders, FM group administrator, Wide Area Work Flow Receipt and Acceptance, or WAWF-RA, will reduce the vendor paper trail, eliminate redundant data entry, increase data accuracy and reduce the risk of losing a document.

The Web-based system will electronically provide invoices and receipts for goods and services procured from vendors. While FM has overall responsibility for implementing the system, the Contracting Directorate serves as the link to the vendors.

“Contracting and receipting of goods and services impacts almost every organization within the Air Force,” said Mrs. Manders. “WAWF-RA provides an opportunity to increase purchasing power while reducing interest penalties caused by delayed vendor payments.”

The group administrator said the system is novel because its DoD-wide application solves the long standing problem of matching paper-based documents to support vendor payments.

“Three documents are required to make a payment - the contract, the receiving report and the invoice,” she said. “Each may arrive at the payment office separately. That requires processing separately and manually keying

What to know

WAWF-RA will be implemented at Robins from April 1 through June 30. Registered users must submit DD 2875s to the Group Administrator, Mrs. Elaine Manders, building 301 in order to have their accounts activated. For more information call 222-1093

into the payment system. Using WAWF-RA, electronic documents are shared, eliminating paper and redundant data entry.”

Mr. Henry Goswick, WAWF-RA coordinator for the Contracting Directorate, said an advantage of using WAWF-RA for the submission of invoices is being able to sit down at any computer and be able to determine in a few minutes the payment status of an invoice.

“That’s something our vendors who have been using older methods of submitting their invoices have never known,” he said.

Mrs. Manders explained that access to the system will be limited to the role of the user.

“Vendors can submit invoices and receive reports electronically using existing electronic commerce methods,” she said. “Additional choices are also available, such as Web interactive forms and straight push from vendor automated systems.”

Vendors will also receive emails produced by the system advising of action taken by the government inspection and acceptance officials, who will have the online ability to review receiving reports and compare products or services to the con-

tract terms. Vendors can also view previously submitted documents and determine the current status.

“The ability to electronically reject improper documents for modification will assist these offices in their reviews,” said Mrs. Manders. “They will also have the capability to electronically document inspection and acceptance and digitally sign the information which will ensure prompt presentation of the required data to the payment office.”

Government payment officials will have the options of creating electronic payment folders for DFAS payment functions and the wide-area availability of these folders.

They will also have the ability to provide legacy payment systems with electronic data input, limiting the re-keying of data and associated errors.

“Payment officials also have the ability to review and reject, with comments, improper invoices for correction and resubmission and this should reduce the number of calls from vendors asking for payment status,” she said.

Personnel who have a need to view documents can be granted access in a view-only mode. Once a document has been captured and processed it is made available for view-only.

Access to the documents is limited by the vendor; government entity and DoD activity address codes.

Authorized government personnel are able to view the contract, receiving reports and invoices.

For more information go to <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/PR/PKPB/WAWF/WAWF.htm> or call 222-1093.

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Awareness key to two-wheeled summer safety

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Seven Air Force people have died in motorcycle accidents in 2004, and with the two-wheeled season coming on command experts encourage everyone to be extra cautious to keep those numbers from rising.

From drivers being more aware of who is around them and on what to using proper protective gear, safety is everyone’s responsibility, according to John Sheehan, Air Force Materiel Command ground safety chief.

“One fatality is too many and our hearts go out to all the families who lost loved ones,” Mr. Sheehan said. “The Air Force, by regulation, requires people to wear a helmet and other protective equipment when riding a motorcycle and a seatbelt when driving a car; and despite the safety education, some continue to ignore that.”

Motorcycle clubs focus on safety

WASHINGTON, DC - Base motorcycle clubs worldwide will be designed to promote riding safety, Air Force officials decided recently.

“Riding motorcycles is fun,” said Maj. Gen. Ken Hess, Air Force chief of safety. “If it wasn’t, nobody would be taking the risks that are involved. The key is to make safety go hand in hand. That is what motorcycle clubs will do.”

Clubs began forming at bases throughout the Air Force this year with an added emphasis on mentoring, engaging those experienced motorcyclists to mentor new riders and help them develop their skills and knowledge about riding.

Motorcycle clubs are expected to increase mentoring, as well as encourage responsible motorcycle use and enjoyment through education and training.

A recent review of mishap data showed Air Force motorcycle mishaps on the rise, resulting in 72 fatalities between 1999 and 2003. More than half of these fatalities were the result of single-vehicle crashes involving riders who exercise poor judgment and made risky decisions.

In an effort to stem the rise in accidents, Air Force major commands identified interested units to set up test clubs for about a year before engaging bases worldwide.

And ignoring common sense and the requirement for wearing protective gear when riding is “unacceptable,” said Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, in a recent letter to field units.

“...Using motorcycle safety equipment is required for all personnel - military, civilian or Defense Department contractor - driving on any Air Force installation,” General Martin said. “These requirements extend to military personnel operating vehicles off-base, including off-duty time. They have been written in blood over the years and we have a wealth of knowledge that they save lives.”

AFMC safety experts also

offer some advice from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation who states that motorcycle riding is more popular now than ever before.

And while novices and those who’ve been a little out of touch with riding take to the roadways, MSF experts said awareness is the key to survival.

Sharing the road is where motorists’ awareness starts, foundation experts said.

They urge all motor vehicle drivers to expect to see more motorcyclists riding in traffic and to respect that they rightfully enjoy the same access to the roads as other traffic. Further, MSF reminds all motorcyclists to be responsible riders, which includes following three main

safety guidelines:

Get trained. MSF experts said there’s always room for skills improvement. More than 90 percent of all riders involved in crashes were either self-taught or taught by friends.

Ride sober. Recent data confirms that alcohol is involved in almost half of all single-vehicle motorcycle crashes. Drugs, prescription, over-the-counter or otherwise, diminish visual capabilities and affect judgment.

Ride responsibly. Wear riding gear for both comfort and protection. This includes a helmet manufactured to meet Department of Transportation standards, eye protection, jack-



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Mr. Rowdy Yates enjoys some warmer weather and a ride around Robins recently.

et, full-fingered gloves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots. Keep your bike well maintained. Use your “rider radar” to scan for hazards. And, most important, know your own skill

level and ride within it.

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Avionics technician sets her sights on law school

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When Michele Dougherty was a young girl growing up in Michigan, she dreamed of one day becoming a lawyer. Ms. Dougherty is about to take a big step in making that dream come true. She will be attending the University of Miami’s school of law in the fall.

An electronic technician in the Avionics and Instruments Division of the Maintenance Directorate, Ms. Dougherty will graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the end of this term. She began her college career in January 2002 after some serious encouragement from her friend, Capt. Dean Williamson, who is with Joint STARS.

“He was working on his master’s degree and asked me why I hadn’t gone back to school. I had my GI Bill and all these resources that I wasn’t using, and he wanted to know why,” said Ms. Dougherty who was active duty Air Force for seven years.

The single mother of two said she explained all her reasons to her friend who, in turn, told her they didn’t hold up.

“I said, ‘who’s gonna watch my kids?’ And he said, ‘I’ll watch your kids; go to school,’” she explained with a laugh. “He ran me completely out of excuses. He was my inspiration, and he pushed me all along. I had to do the book work; but I couldn’t have done it without his support.”

Upon entering Embry-Riddle, Ms. Dougherty received 30 credits for classes she had completed during her active duty career and as a civil servant.

Needing time to grow

When she was in high school, Ms. Dougherty had received a partial academic scholarship to the University of Michigan.

“My parents told me they would pay the rest of the way, put me in the dorms and all of that if I could knuckle down and do it,” she said. “I knew I couldn’t. I thought about it over the weekend and on Monday morning went and enlisted (into the Air Force). I knew I needed to grow up first. I knew that if I went, it would be a waste of their money and my time.”

“As disappointing to my parents as it was, I think it was also a relief. All was not lost though; my service in



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Michele Dougherty, set to graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the end of this term, will be attending the University of Miami’s school of law in the fall.

the Air Force has paid for my college education,” she said.

The family that studies together ...

Ms. Dougherty has a son, Justin, who is 8 and a daughter, Kaitlin, who is 6. She said they all often sit around the table together doing their homework.

Recently Ms. Dougherty experienced a rarity - an evening of missed classes, when one of her children was sick.

“I got home at 5 o’clock and (my son) said, ‘You’re supposed to be in school. Why are you here?’”

With laughter in her voice and a smile, she described her son’s reaction much like that of a parent discovering their teenager has skipped school.

On-the-job support

Ms. Dougherty credits her supervisors with assisting in her ability to complete her bachelor’s degree.

“None of it would have been possible if my management hadn’t supported me. The management is so helpful and willing, and wanting people to do better. They want you to know it’s not a dead-end job - you have to pursue other venues, and it’s

all available to you if you ask,” she said.

“It’s been amazing, and I went in to thank Greg Stanley for his help in making it happen. It was indirect, but it was appreciated,” she said.

Mr. Greg Stanley, the deputy chief of the Avionics and Instruments Division, says that people like Ms. Dougherty are an inspiration to everyone, especially those who aspire to do bigger things.

“I hope her story causes many more people to return to school and know that the opportunities are endless if you have goals and willpower. She used her own time to get this degree - she did so with a full-time job and as a single parent. That is tough for anyone, but she was persistent. We all wish her the best of luck.”

Ready to hit the law books

Ms. Dougherty will be moving to Florida with her friend and children soon. She was also accepted by Barry University and Florida State University to attend their law programs, but decided the University of Miami was her school of choice. She hopes to continue to work for the Department of Defense once she completes her law degree.

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TATTOO 2004

A crowd pleaser that inspired deep emotions



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Above, the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve demonstrates the history of the Tattoo ceremony. The 2004 ceremony commemorated the 60th anniversary of D-Day. Above right, actors portray the meeting of a drill sergeant and his recruits, part of a series of vignettes.



Bronze Star medal recipients

World War II veterans pinned Bronze Star medals on 14 members of Robins' military community.

The World War II veterans attending were Mr. Oliver Bateman, Mr. Arnold Blum, Mr. Elmo Simmons, Mr. Hunton Morgan, Mr. William McCowen, Mr. Ernest Genone, Mr. Don Lassen, Mr. George Jacobus, Mr. Jimmy Sibley and Mr. Frank Naughton.

Bronze Star recipients were:

Lt. Col. Mick Quintrall, commander of the 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Nigolian, wing chaplain, 78th Air Base Wing

Chief Master Sgt. Alan E. Shaw, superintendent, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Chief Master Sgt. Robert H. Schmidt, group superintendent, 116th Operations Group

Maj. Craig A. Wilcox, commander, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

Lt. Col. Stephane Barrett, former commander, 330th Combat Training Squadron

Lt. Col. Scott E. Moser, commander, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Robert L. Burrell, superintendent, Mission Systems Flight, 51st Combat Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Jack Ladley, first sergeant, 54th Combat Communications Squadron

Lt. Col. Jeffrey K. Holfield, commander, 51st Combat Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Kevin E. Kern, exercise operations and evaluation unit, 5th Combat Communications Group

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Cote, superintendent, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Kelly Hight, first sergeant, 78th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Tony Johnson, combat support flight chief, 51st Combat Communications Group

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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Tattoo 2004 came very close to re-creating history Wednesday when a C-47 that dropped paratroopers into Normandy nearly 60 years ago did it again on the Robins flight line.

The plane's unexpected appearance was a surprise to the programs' special guests, World War II veterans, and an estimated 800 others who came to witness the tribute to military history. One of the 10 World War II veterans took an active part in the narrative.



Retired Army Col. Frank Naughton

Retired Army Col. Frank Naughton, who jumped into Normandy on D-Day, pre-recorded portions of the program that featured vignettes about the start of the war and the Normandy invasion. The final scene depicted a young Capt. Naughton, played by an actor, visiting the graves of Normandy's fallen as paratroopers in World War II vintage uniforms walked by like ghosts, lightly brushing his shoulder.

Members of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment



made the jump as their World War II counterparts had done June 6, 1944, into Normandy. Mr. Don Brooks, who purchased the plane from an Atlanta company and researched its war history, flew it to Robins for the Tattoo.

Featured entertainers were

the 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Chorus, which drew one of several standing ovations, and the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Colonel Naughton and Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, presented a wreath honoring "those who



Above, Bronze Star medal winners stand at attention. Left, one vignette depicts Capt. Frank Naughton visiting graves of Normandy's fallen as paratroopers walked by like ghosts.

have sacrificed their innocence to the prosperity and continued grace of our country." A solo bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" as the Robins Honor Guard solemnly brought the wreath forward. The Honor Guard sounded a 21-gun salute, and the buglers of the Air Force Reserve Command Band played "Taps." Many in the audience had tear-stained faces.

The most touching part of the night for some was the presentation by the World War II veterans of the Bronze Star medal to 14 members of Robins' military. The 10 veterans - one in a wheelchair, another with a walker - moved across the flight line from their seating area to the stage. The Bronze Star recipients, who had marched crisply across the field and lined up, came face

to face with veterans of a war more than 60 years old. Cameras flashed, video cameras rolled and a piece of living history was captured.

Mrs. Jane Turner of Macon, whose late husband was in the cavalry, found the ceremony "very moving." She came with Mrs. Elaine Thacker of Athens, Ga., whose late husband flew with the 14th Air Force.

"Taps and seeing the American flag waving overhead were very moving...wonderful," Mrs. Thacker said.

"Terrific" was the reaction of Mr. Pat McFall of Warner Robins. He said he had been to a number of tattoos and that "this was the best we have had." For Mrs. Amy McEver of Warner Robins, the presentation of the Bronze Star

medals was "so meaningful," one of several high points of the night for her.

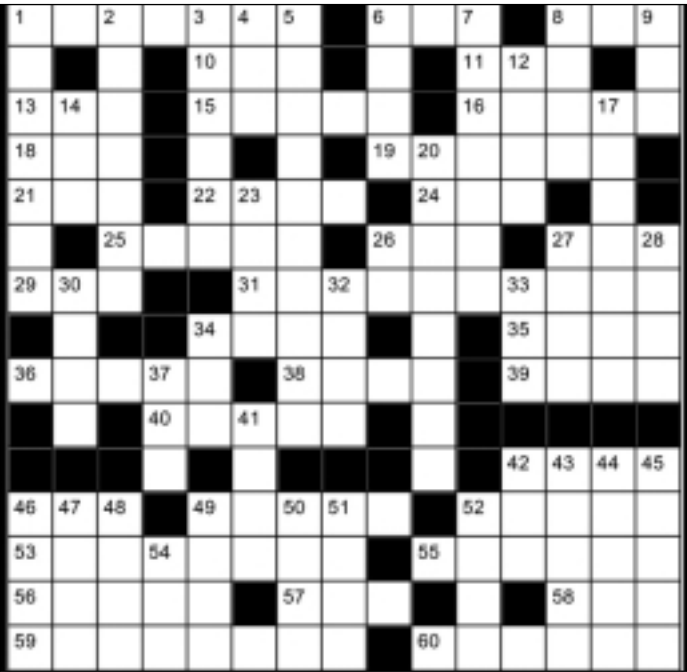
"Excellent" was Maj. Glenn Sigley's summation. The 2004 Tattoo chairman and commander of the 78th Operations Support Squadron headed up a large committee that had worked months planning the program.

"There were small technical glitches here and there," he said. "But in my opinion, it's not whether or not you have glitches, but how you handle them."

The timing of both the C-47 and the F-15 flyover that ended the program were within five seconds of "what we shot for," Major Sigley said. Piloting the F-15 was Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman, chief F-1-15 test pilot with the 339th Flight Test Squadron and veteran of hundreds of flyovers. Flying an older "A" model F-15, he timed the last 60 seconds with the minute hand of his watch dial as it glowed in the darkness.

"Our greatest satisfaction was being able to show love, support, compassion and appreciation to those who have gone before us," Major Sigley said. He said the veterans - several of whom were prompted by the Bronze Star presentations to attend - wore looks of gratitude and satisfaction, warmed by the knowledge that 60 years later, they are still greatly appreciated.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Hometown USAF (Vol. 8)

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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 - 1. Washington D.C. base home to 11th WG
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 - 10. Neither's partner
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 - 13. Rule
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 - 16. Moslem prayer leaders
 - 18. Computer laugh?
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 - 21. Mining goal
 - 22. Shoe brand
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 - 26. "Man of a Thousand Faces" Chaney
 - 27. Shock
 - 29. Emergency code
 - 31. California AFB home to SMSC
 - 34. Roseanne sitcom star Gilbert
 - 35. Fur coat
 - 36. Italy AB home to 831 MUNSS
 - 38. Coast on Hawaii's 'Big Island'
 - 39. Small island
 - 40. Swathe
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 - 2. Actress Lucy of Xena
 - 3. Place on jet aircraft where air is drawn in
 - 4. Immediately
 - 5. North Dakota AFB home to 319th ARW
 - 6. Phone
 - 7. Not make the grade
 - 8. Legume
 - 9. Beginning of American Navy vessels
 - 12. Comic book superheroes
 - 14. Commander's place of control
 - 17. Alabama base home to Air University
 - 20. Florida AS
 - 23. Singer Fitzgerald
 - 26. Tail marking for Barksdale AFB
 - 27. Pub drinks
 - 28. Spanish east
 - 30. Hawaiian island home to Hickam AFB
 - 32. Paulo and Roque
 - 33. Prefix for close to
 - 34. Knight's title
 - 37. Pesticide
 - 41. Tied
 - 42. Bad review
 - 43. Change
 - 44. Alaska AFS
 - 45. Surface area of the moon
 - 46. Scheme
 - 47. State home to Wright-Patterson AFB
 - 48. Home to Machu Picchu
 - 49. Belgian artist
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 - 50. Against
 - 51. First Times at Ridgemont High actor
 - Sean
 - 52. 70s singer Quatro
 - 54. Japanese currency

For puzzle solution, see May 7 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for April 23



We want your news!

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The Week in Photos

An expanded look at Robins through the lens of a camera.
www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm

Planner

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127. A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Monday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The training provides information on what types of information to

send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it and different ways to communicate with the inbound member. .

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The “How to Apply for a Federal Job” workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs. The next federal job class is Thursday, 9-11 a.m., Building 905, room 139.

Interviewing basics

The Transition Assistance program will offer a class on Interviewing Basics, Thursday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 905, room 138. Topics include general information on the interview process and its role/importance in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and

what to expect from them as well as preparation for the interview, including dress are also addressed.

Job fair

The FSC and the Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair June 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers expected to attend. The job fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members and the middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call the FSC at 926-1256.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

Register for ground school class today and Monday - May 7. Class starts Monday. Payment of \$540 is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, about six weeks long and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available to active duty members upon completion. For more information, call the club at 926-4867.

Civilian Recreation

There will be movies in the park May 8 at 8 p.m. or when dark. Bring your family, lawn chairs and blankets and watch “Toy Story.” Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Play Mother’s Day Bingo at the Base Restaurant May 9 for higher payouts and door prizes. Both paper packages and power bingo will be available. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m. Food fair will be open.

Enlisted Club

A Queen for the Day essay contest is being conducted to select three mothers to be Queen of the Day. The essay can be submitted by children of a club member explaining why their moms are special in 100 words or less. Deadline to submit an essay is May 9. For more information and rules concerning the contest, visit www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the Enlisted Club link.

Queen for the Day Mother’s Day brunch will be held May 9 from 10 a.m.

- 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.95 members, \$3.95 kids and kids 5 and younger free.

Air Force Services officials rolled out a new program offering half-price monthly club memberships to enlisted ranks airman basic through senior airman. The new Air Force-wide program encourages club membership, helps increase retention and makes club membership an affordable option for the lower ranking enlisted members. The reduced dues will apply until Airmen reach the rank of staff sergeant, at which time their dues will change to the standard amount of the club to which they belong. Airmen basic through Senior Airmen dues are now \$4 at the Robins Enlisted Club.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Warner Robins and Northside High Schools will hold a concert May 8 from 6 - 11 p.m. The Red Hot Bluez for Schools, a five-hour concert, will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center. The concert will feature performances by the following: Jazz ensembles from Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High and Warner Robins High, Big Mike and the Booty Papas, Hank Vegas and the White Lightning, The Wall and an Elvis impersonator.

A guitar will be given away to a lucky ticket holder. Food will be available for purchase on-site. Tickets for the concert are available at ITT, located in the Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767. The price of admission is \$15 for general

admission or \$20 for reserved seating. For additional information, please call ITT, at 926-2945.

Library 327-7381

Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class May 17 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 139. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. Registration is required. To sign up and for more information, contact Ms. Betsy Miller at 327-7381 or betsy.miller@robins.af.mil.

Officers’ Club

Show mom she’s the best with a Mother’s Day buffet May 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$13.95 members and \$14.95 nonmembers.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center Woodworking Shop, Building 981, will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for filter replacement of the dust collection system. The weekly safety class will not be held during that time. For more information, call Mr. Greg Harless, wood shop manager, at 926-2362.

Youth Center

Registration for summer specialty camps will be held in May with camps beginning June 14. Camps are open to children, ages 9 - 14 years old, and will be held from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Price is \$90 per week with the exception of the week of July 4, which will be \$80. For more information, call 926-2110.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Mr. Thomas J. Willcox, WR-ALC/LGED. Point of contact is Ms. Gloria Hurt at 926-3010.

Ms. Laura Amos Bennet, WR-ALC/LUHH. Point of contact is Ms. Jeannine Candelaria at 926-9333.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Friday
7:30 p.m. – Taking Lives – Angelina Jolie and Ethan Hawke



When Montreal detectives handling a local homicide investigation reluctantly ask for an outsider's help to get inside the head of a cunning serial killer, top FBI profiler Illeana Scott joins the case. She theorizes that the chameleon-like killer is “life-jacking” – assuming the lives and identities of his victims. Her seemingly cold demeanor alienates her from the territorial local police force - but when an unexpected attraction sparks a complicated romantic entanglement, she begins to doubt her finely-honed instincts.

Rated R (strong violence including disturbing images, language and some sexuality) 100 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. – Dawn of the Dead – Sarah Polley and Ving Rhames

As the United States is turned upside-down by a strange plague-like event in which millions of corpses walk the earth as blood-thirsty zombies, a small group of survivors of the onslaught, which include a nurse and a police officer, try to find shelter and protection within a massive shopping mall in the mid-sized city of Everett, Wash. What they don’t count on is that the zombies still have some sort of residual memory, and “everyone” loves going to the mall, right? Realizing that their time is running out, they decide to make another attempt at flight, to a presumably un-zombie-infested island, but to do so, they’ll have to get past thousands of zombies in-between.

Rated R (violence/gore and language) 97 minutes



Faster than a speeding bullet

Hard work, practice, competitiveness key for one JSTARS member

By Senior Airman Tim Beckham
116th Air Control Wing
Public Affairs

His breathing is rhythmic, his hearing is sound and his feet are dynamic. He’s in a whole other world, watching, waiting and thinking about one thing and one thing only, the sound of the starting gun.

His name is Hoy to his competitors, but to many he’s just Sergeant Thurman, a surveillance radar technician in the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

If you haven’t already guessed it, Hoy Thurman is the 116th Air Control Wing’s very own track star. The technical sergeant, who is an 18-year veteran of the Air Force, spent 10 years on active duty before joining the Georgia Air National Guard.

Thurman grew up in Indianapolis and was introduced to sports at an early age.

“I have been interested in track and field since I was in the seventh grade. My father knew I was fast, so he used to take me over to his buddies’ houses and let me run against their children,” Thurman said.

All grown up now, Thurman is a 12-year member of the Air Force track and field team and is still addicted to the competition.

“I’ve pretty much been competitive my whole life. I love trying to push through the pain,” he said. “The best feeling is when I can walk somebody down while anchoring the 400-meter relay.”

“Sergeant Thurman is a dedicated, very confident athlete who does not like lose,” said Torrance McGee,

Air Force track team head coach.

Although a thoroughbred, Thurman has had his share of injuries during his track career.

“I have had both of my knees scoped, and a bulging disk in my back that numbed my right leg,” he said.

McGee, who has been coaching the Air Force team as an assistant since 1996, and as a head coach since 2000 said, “Hoy’s dedication to the sport makes him a successful athlete. He has been one of the Air Force’s top sprinters for the past 12 years. That’s pretty awesome. He has maintained his fitness level and speed for a long time.”

Thurman has more medals than he knows what to do with, but in late March he added one of his most important medals to date.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Tim Beckham
Hoy Thurman, surveillance radar technician in the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is a 12-year member of the Air Force track and field team.

trip, if you make the team.’ After the first day of camp most of the other sprinters knew I was fast enough, but it wasn’t until we had our run-offs that I knew for sure I was on the team. That year I ran the open 400 meters, the first leg of the gold medaling 400-meter relay team and the lead leg on the 1,600-meter relay team.”

Thurman’s coach believes that practice and hard work are what make him so successful.

“He is very easy to coach,” said McGee, who is also a master sergeant and the 78th Communications Squadron network management superintendent. “He can always be counted on to do his workout. Many days



Thurman runs sprints while his coach Master Sgt. Torrance McGee, network management superintendent for the 78th Communications Squadron, times him.

you will see him out on the track by himself training when our schedules did not match up. You can’t ask for anything more in an athlete.”

Thurman now has countless medals and a head full

of memories but when the spiked shoes and the relay batons are gone, he will still be Sergeant Thurman, the man who served his country as well as his thirst for competition.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Every Thursday in May is Wheel of Fortune Day. Bowlers may spin the wheel to determine how much they will pay for each game.

Bowlers pay the regular price while their mom bowls for free on Mother’s Day, May 9.

Fitness Center

Mission Fitness will begin Saturday with a Kids Aerobics from 10 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 - 11 a.m. in the aerobics room; Monday a Mission Fitness 5K run; Tuesday chair massage from 11 a.m. - noon in the Fitness Center lobby; Wednesday Pregnancy and Exercise from 11 a.m. - noon; Thursday TDY and Exercise in the Health and Wellness Center for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the Fitness Center. Sports Day, set for June 11, will include activities for all base units. For complete details and schedules of events contact the Fitness Center at 926-2128; Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 or go to www.robins.af.mil/services.

Golf Course

A Mother’s Day special will be held all month long. All ladies, golf Monday through Thursday for \$17. The special includes 18 holes, golf car and green fee.

Putt for the green every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 for one putt or \$3 for two putts. Sink at least a 70-foot putt and

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Ms. Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion ceremony

The 78th Air Base Wing Enlisted Promotion ceremony, hosted by Col. Tom Smoot, 78th ABW commander, is today, 3:30 p.m., at the Vista Scope Theater, Museum of Aviation. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

CAC appointments

The Military Personnel Flight is taking appointments for the Common Access Card to ensure short wait times. The deadline to get your CAC is today. To make an appointment, call 327-7361/62/63.

AFRC golf tournament

The Air Force Reserve Command Family Day committee will host a fund raising scramble golf tournament at Waterford Golf Course Thursday with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$35 for green fees, cart and lunch; mulligans are an additional \$5. Sign up will begin at noon with a putting contest starting at 12:15. If you are interested in signing up individually or as a team of four, contact Senior Master Sgt. Al Lucas at 327-1140 or al.lucas@afrc.af.mil.

Teen volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for teens, ages 14-19 with base access, who are interested in volunteering. The teens will be assigned to different squadrons and work 12-20 hours a week. The deadline for applications is May 7. Squadrons interested in participating in this program are also needed. For more information, call Ms. Mary Jennings or Ms. Wanda Andrews at 923-6332.

Mother's Day roses

The Mother's Day roses sold by the Robins Top 3

Group will be ready for pick up Thursday and Friday, May 7. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Fannie Worthy at 926-7199.

VFW Buddy Poppies

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6605 and Ladies Auxiliary will sell Buddy Poppies at Kmart, the Watson Boulevard Wal-Mart, the Russell Parkway Kroger and Winn-Dixie, May 7 and 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The proceeds will benefit disabled and less fortunate veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans in the community.

MPF limited manning

The Military Personnel Flight will have limited manning May 14-26 due to the Operation Readiness Inspection. All personnel services will be limited to emergencies only.

VFW entertainment

Mr. Jim Craft will be at VFW Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd., Warner Robins, May 14 - 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Mr. Craft plays rock and roll, oldies, and country and western. Tickets are on sale at the Post Home and will be available at the door for \$5. All proceeds go toward the support of the Carl Vinson Medical Center in Dublin and the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville. For more information, call 922-2154.

5th MOB 40th anniversary

The 5th Combat Communications Group will celebrate 40 years of excellence this May. For more information on the anniversary and alumni reunion, go to www.robins.af.mil/5ccg/40thAnniversary/index.htm or call 1st Lt. Jason Fields at 926-2053.

Computer lab volunteers

Parent helpers are needed at the Robins Elementary School computer lab. No experience is needed. To volunteer, contact Mrs. Underwood at 926-5003

Cat, dog food donations

The Robins Elementary School student council and Mrs. Wheeler's third grade class are collecting cat and dog food for the Animal Rescue Kennel. ARK takes care of many animals until a permanent home can be found for them. Food may be dropped off in the basket in the school lobby.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is now open on an appointment-only basis. To make an appointment, call the center at 926-2391 or 926-2635.

Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone and three sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

Dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is seeking trained Red Cross dental assistant volunteers. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer should contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Ms. Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Mr. Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts leaders needed

Girl Scouts of Robins is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ms. Alyson Dreer at 329-8099.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers are also needed to fill various positions.

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receive a \$100 gift certificate. The prize fund will increase \$50 for each week that no putts are sunk. If no one sinks a putt, a consolation prize of five free cart rentals and a free lunch will be awarded. For more information call 926-4103 or 922-4415.

Outdoor Recreation

The Robins Masters Swim team begins Monday and is open to the Robins community to include active duty, reservists, retirees and DoD civilians and immediate family members 18 years and older. Prior swim team experience is not required. Practices will be scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 - 7

p.m. Register now at Outdoor Recreation, Building 914. For more information, call 926-4001 or e-mail Ms. Abigail White at abigail.white@robins.af.mil. Volunteer swim coaches are also needed.

The Straight Arrow Archery Club membership drive is going on now. Yearly dues are \$25. All base employees are eligible for membership. Visit www.robins.af.mil/services for more information.

Smith Community Center

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with America's Kids Run to be held May 15. Children ages 5 - 13 can participate in a safe, interactive run to build self-esteem and fitness. All finishers will receive a T-shirt. Register at www.americaskidsrun.org or call the center at 926-2105for more information.

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Whatever you do, don’t throw those pogs away

AAFES news service

IRAQ - First off, you can spend them like real money, even if they look like board game currency.

Second, if you don’t get rid of them before heading back home, you can redeem them at any Army and Air Force Exchange Service store worldwide.

Third, if you don’t want them, give them to someone else, keep them as souvenirs or start a collection. Whatever you do, don’t throw them away.

Fourth, when in doubt, refer back to the first sentence.

Pogs - the small, round, coated-paper gift certificates issued by AAFES facilities supporting Operating Enduring and Iraqi Freedom in place of metal coins - have been given to soldiers in lieu of metal currency since 2001.

“Normally, AAFES uses metal currency - quarters, nickels and dimes - provided by finance and accounting offices,” said Maj. David Accetta, AAFES Europe Public Affairs officer. “However, because of the weight and the priority for shipping mission-essential items like food, ammunition, etc. the treasury department does not ship coins.”

Paper money weighs less than metal coins and printing currency is against the law, so, at the request of the Department of Defense, AAFES thought ‘outside the box’ and developed the pogs to satisfy the requirement for change.

The pog goes back to the 1920s in Hawaii. A local fruit drink company bottled its product in glass bottles similar to old-fashioned milk bottles. The bottles were sealed with wax-covered paper disks. The company put different pictures on the disks. The juice was a combination of passion, orange and guava fruit – hence the name pog. It was the children playing games with the disks that gave them the name.

The games’ popularity spread in the 1930s and 1940s before fading into obscurity. Then, pogs again became a



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Carrie Bernard

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq – Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s pogs are becoming collectible items for deployed servicemembers.

national craze in the mid-1990s.

AAFES treats pogs just like gift certificates. Although they aren’t considered cash money - after all the U.S. government doesn’t print them, they should be spent just like money - they come in denominations of 5, 10 and 25 cents.

The first Pog designs were basic with only the monetary amount printed on them. New designs include powerful images featuring Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom activities. A series of 36 designs that are both captivating and

relevant to operations in the Middle East are currently in circulation.

“Although some people who don’t understand them, throw Pogs away, lots of people use them as change,” Major Accetta said. “Some even take them home as souvenirs.”

Recently AAFES discovered that the pogs were being sold on eBay as a collector’s item.

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Ceremony honors those who give time, help to Robins

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What to know

Ms. Joy Ashley, recipient of the 2004 Volunteer Excellence Award and Key Spouse coordinator at Robins, said being a volunteer is something everyone can do.

Ms. Ashley was one of more than 160 people recognized at Robins’ 14th annual Volunteer Recognition ceremony held at the Enlisted Club ballroom April 23.

The event gave the base a chance to say thanks to all those who live the Air Force’s core value of service before self every day.

The volunteers received certificates of appreciation

The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is an annual event sponsored by the Family Support Center, along with other base and local community agencies, to thank all volunteers who give their time and talents to help others in the Robins community. For more information, contact Ms. Diane Thielemann, community readiness technician for the FSC, at 926-1256 or 926-3453.

honoring their countless hours of work and dedication to the Robins Air Force Base community.

Ms. Christine Parker, Family Support Center director, said volunteers offer a priceless gift to Robins.

“It’s an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who give their time during the year to make Robins and our local community as strong as it is,” she said.

A mock check of \$2.8 million was presented to Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, to illustrate the value of volunteer mahours at the base.

“It confuses me when I hear people say they don’t have time to volunteer, because everybody always has some time,” Ms. Ashley said. “There’s some little

thing that everybody can bring to the table – whether it’s the experience they can share with someone who doesn’t have that experience or physical labor.

“I don’t know any reason why someone wouldn’t volunteer.”

The Family Support Center began planning the event in November, and Ms. Diane Thielemann said all of the hard work paid off.

“To celebrate a night with our volunteers is just a truly special evening for me,” the FSC community readiness technician said. “They do wonderful things for this base and we just want to do something special for them.”

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REACHing out



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

The annual Raising Education Achievement for Children mentoring program picnic brought together 200 kids and 200 mentors Tuesday for a day of fun. Above, students from Westside, Parkwood, Linwood, Bonaire, Pearl Stephens, Lindsey and Russell elementary schools get ready to toss balloons to their mentors who they worked with for one hour each week. The program is designed to improve students' school attendance and academic performance while reducing disciplinary problems.



Bonaire Elementary School fifth-grader Dylan Ingram gets his face painted. The picnic celebrates the end of the year-long program.

Shelayna West, a mentor, and Sa'Dora Murphy dance to the song 'YMCA'. Students also enjoyed a sack race, picnic lunch and balloon sculptures made by Rico the Clown.

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